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Cover: "Reflections" By David E. Doss

Our cover this month features "Reflections," an original watercolor by David E. Doss, a Winston-Salem native who has been painting professionally for the past four years.

"Reflections" is the latest of Doss' paintings to be issued as a limited edition print.

The image depicts the window of an old house in the Shoals community of Surry County, with Pilot Mountain reflected in the cracked glass panes. The Pilot Knob Coffee can is now a popular collector's item. The brand was distributed by Bowers Coffee Company of Richmond, VA, during the 1930s and 1940s.

Doss, who now makes his home in the Forsyth County community of Pfafftown, is a self-taught "realist" artist. He has been painting since he was 12 years old and won a national art award at the age of 18. He spent six years as a commercial artist before beginning his fine arts career. He and his wife, the former Robin Shortt of Stokes County, publish and distribute his prints through their Southern Home Gallery in Winston-Salem.

The print of "Reflections" is already sold out but other prints are available through the Doss gallery at 5057 University Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27106 and other art dealers, including Phylby's Art Gallery, 206 E. Kivett Drive, High Point, NC 27260.



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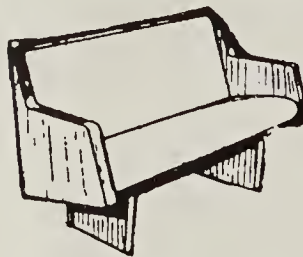
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Grassroots Perspective Guides EMC Organization



"Viewpoint" is a monthly commentary by Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and its allied corporations making up the statewide organization of electric cooperatives.

You may not realize it, but as a consumer-member of a North Carolina electric co-op, you owe a debt of gratitude to a group of people you've probably never met.

They are the men and women who represent your interests in setting the policies of the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs).

They play this role as delegates of the 8 EMCs on the boards of Directors of the three corporations comprising the state-

wide organization, which is headquartered in Raleigh.

Currently, a total of 68 individuals serve as directors on one or more boards of these corporations. All of them also have responsibilities at the local co-ops—either as a manager or as a member of an EMC's Board of Directors.

In accepting a leadership post in the statewide organization, they are pledging much of their time and energy to that cause—in addition to the effort they're already putting forth at the local level.

They must be prepared to pour over stacks of technical reports and statistical data, schedule travel time to get to meetings, and spend hours in the give-and-take of policy-making.

It's anything but a glamorous endeavor. Yet, these volunteers accept it with grace

and good humor because of their commitment to the rural electric program.

Nine of these men and women were recently singled out to serve as officers of the statewide organization's three boards. They are identified in an article on page 14.

The article points out that one of the directors also represents the organization on the board of the co-ops' national association in Washington.

It notes that other busy co-op leaders also find time to direct activities of the co-ops' statewide political action committee, which involves EMC directors, managers and employees.

A total of 31 individuals from 19 co-ops are members of this important committee.

Meanwhile, directors of the statewide boards also serve on committees that monitor specific areas of activity and make recommendations to the boards

on matters affecting those activities.

In addition, the statewide organization provides guidance and support for the various projects of an all-volunteer women's program.

That effort involves community service projects conducted by the state's eight EMC women's committees and a statewide women's advisory committee. This program provides funds for two annual scholarships for rural young people. (See story, page 16.)

The men and women who are involved in these worthwhile activities are, for the most part, your fellow co-op consumer-members.

As a result, their "down home" perspective informs and inspires the agendas for the EMC statewide program—on behalf of grassroots co-op members throughout the state.

I believe that's reason enough to acknowledge the debt of gratitude you owe these dedicated rural electric volunteers.

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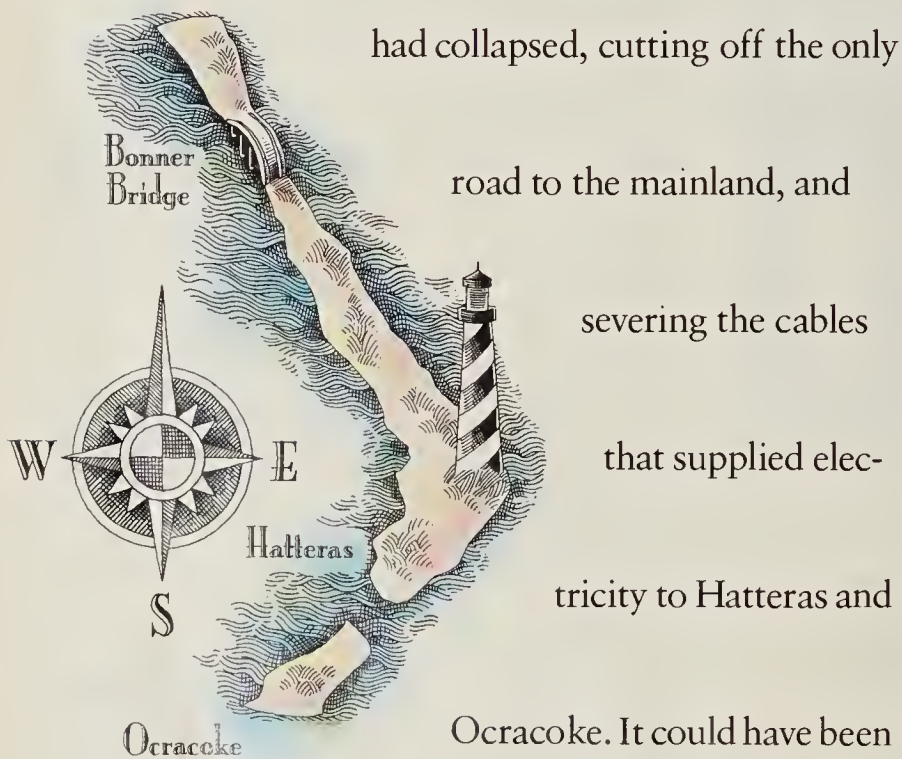
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It was Friday, October 26. But it seemed more like Friday the 13th. Just after midnight, a storm off the Atlantic whipped up nine-foot waves in the treacherous Oregon Inlet, slamming a dredge into the Bonner Bridge.

By daybreak, a 300-foot span of the bridge



the islanders' worst nightmare come true. Instead, it became a proving ground for North Carolina



und Ocracoke have a little bump in the night.



EMC's new Ocracoke Generating Station.

Although the facility was still being tested, it was quickly pressed into emergency service. With the help of Tideland EMC, the station began providing service to Ocracoke by 2 o'clock that Friday afternoon. And, later, to Hatteras Village.

We're delighted that we were able to supply electricity to the Outer Banks when they were cut off from the rest of the world. (Somehow, isolation doesn't seem so bad when the power is on.)

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ECU To Conduct Summer Seminar

East Carolina University will sponsor a two-day seminar on historical design in Eastern North Carolina, June 7-8, in Murfreesboro.

Entitled "Architecture and Furnishings of 18th and 19th Century Murfreesboro," the seminar will feature various noted speakers from around the state.

For more information on the seminar, contact the Division of Continuing Education and Summer School, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858. Phone toll-free: (800) 767-9111.

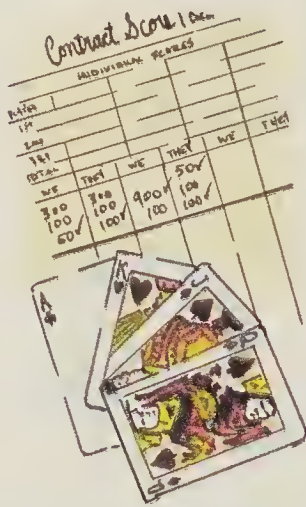
Bridge Festival Slated At ASU

Bridge enthusiasts can study the game under a life master this summer at the 1991 Bridge Festival at Appalachian State University in Boone.

The festival will feature six- and seven-night courses—running from May 26 through Aug. 10. Accommodations are available to participants. Prices vary.

Dr. J. Dan Duke, the author of five books on bridge, will conduct the event

For more information, contact Bridge Festival, Office of Conferences and Institutes, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608. Phone: (704) 262-3045.



Busy Weekend Scheduled For RiverSpree '91

Memorial Day Weekend will be chocked full of festivities at RiverSpree '91 in downtown Elizabeth City.

The event, sponsored by the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, will feature plenty of live music, food, a parade, a 10-kilometer road race and canoe races.

Driver Jeff Bodine's stock car will also be on display.

For more information, contact the chamber at P.O. Box 426, Elizabeth City, NC 27907. Phone: (919) 335-4365.



Gible Delamar House c 1866

Historic Homes Tour Scheduled In Beaufort

The historic homes and buildings of Beaufort will be showcased June 28-30 during the 31st Annual Old Home Tour/Antique Show.

The tour, sponsored by the Beaufort Historical Association, will feature buildings dating back to the 1700s, including plantation-styled homes and restored churches.

Tickets for the tour are \$10. All proceeds will go to the Beaufort Historical Association's preservation, restoration and educational programs.

In addition, an antiques show will be held at the Crystal Co Civic Center in neighboring Morehead City. Admission is \$3.

For more information on these events, contact the Beaufort Historical Association at P.O. Box 1709, Beaufort, NC 28516. Phone: (919) 728-5225.



Sun Photo



HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

Fair Set June 29

Gifts, music, food and entertainment for all ages will be in store at the Blue Ridge Mountain Craft Fair June 29 at Crouse Park in Sparta. The event, sponsored by the Allegheny Arts Council, runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with no admission charged to visitors.

For more information, contact the Blue Ridge Mountain Craft Fair, P.O. Box 962, Sparta, NC 28675. Phone: (919) 578-578.

Artists

Decorated With Heritage Awards

North Carolina folk artists from seven counties have been honored with N.C. Heritage Awards. The awards, given by the N. C. Cultural Resources Society, recognize the resident masters of the traditional crafts. Recipients of the awards each receive a grant of \$2,000. Honored this year are Lela Rhodes Bell, Hazel Rhodes, Pender County; Lela Brooks, a quilter from Robeson County; Burlon Craig,

a traditional potter from Lincoln County; the Menhaden Chanteymen, an African-American sea chantey group from Carteret County; Quay Smathers, a shape note hymn singer from



Haywood County; Thurman Strickland, an oak-split basket-maker from Johnston County and Joe and Odell Thompson, an African-American fiddle and banjo player from Alamance County.

For more information on the N. C. Folk Heritage Awards, contact the N. C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, NC 27601. Phone: (919) 733-7897.

Taste Of The Town Set For June 7 In Asheville

Chef Robert Werth will coordinate the Ninth Annual Taste of the Town June 7 at the Biltmore Estate's Deepark Restaurant in Asheville.

The benefit dinner, sponsored by the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, will feature many of the recipes from Asheville's finest restaurants.

Proceeds from the event will help support the educational

endowment of the guild. Tickets are \$60 each.

For more information, contact the Folk Art Center of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild at P.O. Box 9545, Asheville, NC 28815. Phone: (704) 298-7928.

Boone To Host Quilting Party

Both novice and experienced quilters can register for the Third Annual Appa-

lachian Quilting Party, June 12-15, at the Broyhill Inn and Convention Center in Boone.

The workshop will feature various quilting classes taught by some of the nation's top quilters. The event is sponsored by Appalachian State University.

For more information, contact the Office of Conferences and Institutes, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 28608. Phone: (704) 262-3045.



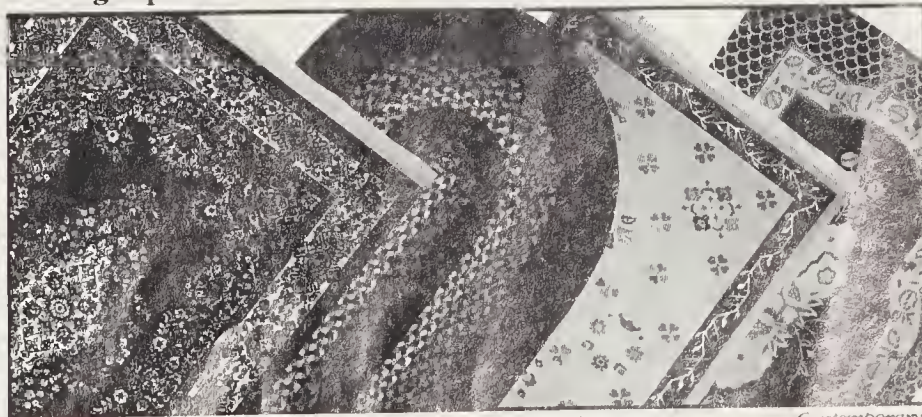
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Gaston College Exhibit Includes Varied Works

An exhibit of hand-colored and altered photographs by Merry Moor Winsett will run through June 29 at the

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Entitled, "Exploring the Edge," the exhibition features many of Winsett's talents, including photogra-

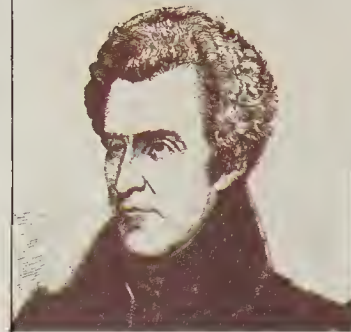
phy, painting, drawing and ceramics.

For more information, contact Gaston College, 201 Highway 321 South, Dallas, NC 28034. Phone: (919) 922-6247.

Drama Spotlights Andrew Jackson

The life of Andrew Jackson, the nation's seventh president, is featured at "Listen and Remember," an outdoor drama now in its 27th season in Waxhaw.

The production, which focuses on Jackson and other pioneers who lived in the



Old Waxhaw Settlement, will be performed June 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 and 28-29 at the Waxhaw Amphitheater near Monroe.

Tickets for the event are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children under 12 and \$5 for senior citizens.

For more information, contact the Waxhaw Historical Festival and Drama Association, P.O. Box 1776, Waxhaw, NC 28173. Phone: (704) 843-2300.

Gallery Features Photo Exhibit

A exhibition of photographs by Lynn

Geesaman is on display through June at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) in Winston-Salem.

A resident of Minnesota, Geesaman's exhibit focuses on English gardens, canals and roadsides of Belgium and the Italian hills.

For more information, contact SECCA, 750 Marguerite Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Phone: (919) 725-1904.

Boone To Host Four Craft Fairs

Blue Ridge Highlands side Crafts in Boone will hold four juried craft fairs in the months ahead.

The shows will be held at the Pavilion next to the Blue Ridge Hearthside shop on Highway 108 south of Boone.

Show dates are June 21-23; July 16-18; August 16-18 and October 4-6. Show times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

Admission to each show is \$2. For more information, write or call Blue Ridge Highlands side Crafts, Rt. 1, Box 738, Banner Elk, NC 28604. Phone: (704) 963-5252.



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Mint Museum Features Irish Works

Charlotte's Mint Museum will be dressed up in green to celebrate the artistic works of Ireland in an exhibition running through June 16.

Entitled "Irish Decorative Arts from collections of the National Museum of Ireland," the exhibit will feature about 100 crafted objects, ranging in dates, some dating back to the mid-16th century.

The exhibit was organized by the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service.

For more information, contact the Mint Museum at 2730 Randolph Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207. Phone: (704) 337-2000.

Desert Storm Scrapbook Available

A 48-page scrapbook on Operation Desert Storm is now available for purchase at the Marketing Division at Fort Bragg. The full-color tabbed and published original by *The Fayette Times*, depicts the military operation with maps, photos and letters on soldiers at Fort Bragg. The publication is \$3, with all proceeds going to help support the families

of the soldiers who served in Desert Storm.

The *Desert Storm Scrapbook* is on sale at Fort Bragg at Building 8-T-2105, off Knox Street. For more information, call (919) 396-5576.

Book Detailing Exhibition Is Now For Sale

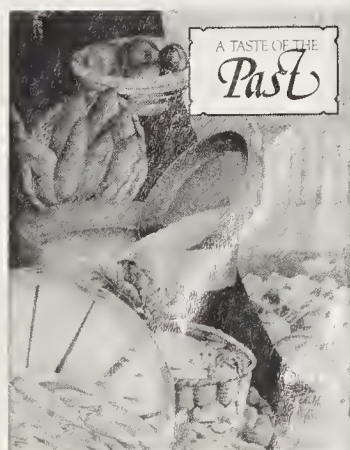
A new publication is now available as a companion to the current exhibit on early foodways at the Museum of the

Albemarle in Elizabeth City.

A Taste of the Past: Early Foodways of the Albemarle Region is a 68-page catalog that details the items featured in the exhibit of the same name.

The exhibition, which runs through Aug. 18, is highlighted by tableware and silverware used during the Colonial Period in America. It features numerous objects used by the three major cultural groups of the time period: English settlers, Native Americans and African-Americans.

The book is \$12, including \$2 for postage. To order, send a check or money order to Museum of the Albemarle, 1116 U.S. Highway 17 South, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. Phone: (919) 335-2987.



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Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
May			
18	Halifax, Enfield	Registration: 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.	Enfield Middle School, Enfield
June			
8	Blue Ridge, Lenoir	Registration: 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 9:30 a.m.	Ashe Central High School, Jefferson
14	Randolph, Asheboro	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Southwest Randolp School, 6 1/2 miles southwest of Asheb

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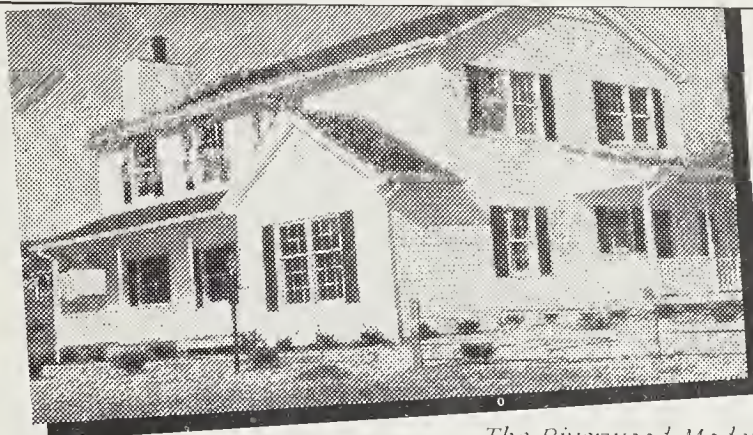
 **American Heart Association**

Nominations Open For 1991 Reynolds Awards

Nominations will be accepted until June 15 for the 1991 Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards, which salute North Carolinians who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in helping their community—without recognition. The awards will be presented in three categories: advocacy, personal service and community change.

Each winner will receive a \$25,000 grant, with \$20,000 of that to be given to a charitable organization chosen by the winner.

Nomination forms may be obtained by writing to the Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, 101 Reynolds Village, Winston-Salem, NC 27106. Phone: (919) 725-7541.



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At NCSU

Electric Utilities Pledge Support For New Lab

Utility leaders from cooperative and investor-owned utilities recently helped to officially open the new Industrial Electrotechnology Laboratory (IEL), which is designed to move North Carolina industry into a more energy-efficient environment.

IEL, which opened on the Centennial Campus of N. C. State University (NCSU) with a ceremony attracting 200 industry, academia and governmental leaders, is a joint operation of N. C. Alternative Energy Corporation (AEC) and NCSU's College of Textiles.

AEC, a private, non-profit corporation funded through the state's electric utilities, is committed to promoting the efficient use of energy by all segments of the state's economy.

The chief executive officers of AEC's major electric utility members spoke at the opening, along with William W. (Bill) Redman, chairman of the State Utilities Commission. The commis-

sion, acting in cooperation with the electric utilities, established AEC in 1980.

Pledging the support of their companies to making IEL a major factor in increasing industrial energy efficiency and productivity were Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of N. C. Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC); Sherwood H. Smith Jr., chairman and president of Carolina Power & Light Company (CP&L); William S. Lee, chairman and president of Duke Power Company and James T. Rhodes, president and chief executive officer of North Carolina Power.

The utility executives each signed a formal pledge of support for the laboratory. It said:

"We, the undersigned, on behalf of our respective electric utility companies, do hereby pledge, by our signatures affixed, our full support for Industrial Electrotechnology Laboratory (IEL) and its mission of improving industrial productivity through the use of energy-efficient electrotechnologies.

"With the addition of IEL to the services that the utilities and the state already offer, we intend to make North Carolina industries the most productive and competitive in the nation.

"We commend North Carolina Alternative Energy Corporation and North Carolina State University's College of Textiles for this joint undertaking to benefit North Carolina industry, and shall use the full measure of our resources to assist industry in taking advantage of IEL services.

Redman said that the services of IEL would be available to the electric utility industrial customers at no cost to them.

"This means," he said, "that industries have an invaluable resource in IEL to assist them in the implementation of new electrotechnologies, a resource that previously has been cost-prohibitive for many plants and factories."

Both lab-scale testing and manufacturing-scale demonstration services are available in radio-frequency drying, microwave drying, infrared drying and ultrasound dyeing. IEL also offers comparative displays of industrial lighting and the only independently-operated motors-testing facility in the United States.

Although positioned particularly well to work with textiles initially, AEC's Koger said, IEL will be able to address the needs of other North Carolina industries as well.

Dominic Dirisio, IEL operations manager, said representatives from many industry requests already were coming into the resource center. He encouraged industry to visit the IEL offices and model manufacturing areas for more information, or to call their local utilities.

Utility liaisons working regularly with IEL are Tom Laing of NCEMC, Carl Castellow of CP&L; Roger Paules of Duke Power Co. and Jim McBrayer of North Carolina Power.

For more information about the lab, write or call Dominic Dirisio at Box 8301, Centennial Campus, Raleigh, NC 27695-8501. Phone (919) 737-3941.



The state's top electric utility leaders cut the ceremonial ribbon, formally opening the Industrial Electrotechnology Laboratory at N. C. State University's College of Textiles. From the left are: William S. Lee, chairman and president of Duke Power Company; James T. Rhodes, president and chief executive officer of North Carolina Power; Sherwood H. Smith Jr., chairman and president of Carolina Power & Light Company; Wayne D. Keller, executive vice president of the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and William W. (Bill) Redman, chairman of the North Carolina Utilities Commission.



Officers For Three Boards Elected At Annual Meeting

Officers of the three policy-making boards for North Carolina's statewide organization of electric cooperatives were elected at the organization's 1991 Annual Meeting in Raleigh, March 13-14.

The officers, who were elected for one-year terms, are drawn from among the directors of three separate corporations that provide services to the state's 28 Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs).

The three corporations, which operate under a single management structure with headquarters in Raleigh, are:

- **North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation**, a generating and transmission cooperative that provides bulk power to member EMCs. Its Board of Directors consists of a manager and a director representing each member EMC.

- **North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives**, a general trade association providing varied services to the 28 EMCs. Its Board of Directors also consists of a manager and a director representing each member EMC.

- **Tarheel Electric Membership Association**, a central purchasing and material supply co-op serving all 28 EMCs. Its Board of Directors consists of nine members elected by districts. They include managers and directors from the member EMCs.

The officers of these boards for 1991-92 are listed in the story at right.

About 400 EMC officials participated in the Annual Meeting, which also featured business sessions, speakers and various awards.

The theme for the meeting was, "Designing A Vision for the 1990s: A New Generation of Leaders."

Coverage of the awards appears on pages 15 and 16.

Three Co-op Safety Programs Cited

Three North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) have been recognized for maintaining effective comprehensive employee safety programs.

They are Four County EMC, Burgaw; Edgecombe-Martin County EMC, Tarboro and Brunswick EMC, Shallotte.

All three received re-accreditation certificates under the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's accreditation program. The national association reviews co-op employee safety efforts every three years after the initial certificate is issued.

Four County EMC received its seventh certificate while Edgecombe-Martin County and Brunswick each received a fourth certificate.

Nine EMC Managers Saluted For Service In REA Program

Nine North Carolina electric co-op managers have been honored for their career service to the state's rural electric program.

Dorris B. White, manager of Albemarle EMC, Hertford, was saluted for 45 years of service to the co-op. She is the first Tar Heel co-op manager to reach that milestone.

The awards recognize the managers' entire service career in the rural electric program.

Mrs. White, who joined the staff of her co-op in 1946, has been manager since 1983.

Two managers were honored for 30 years of service: Emmett S. Patterson, manager of Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro and Philip L. Wally, general manager of Union EMC, Monroe.

John Browning, executive vice president and general manager of Haywood EMC, Waynesville, was cited for 25 years of service.

Five other managers were honored for 20 years of service: David J. Batten, manager of Brunswick EMC, Shallotte; H. Wayne Wilkins, general manager of Davidson EMC, Lexington; Travis Davis, manager of Harkers Island EMC; Eugene W. Brown, manager of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square and J. Ronald McElher, executive vice president and general manager of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville.



Statewide Organization Officers: Three Co-op Directors, Six Managers

Directors representing Electric Membership Corporations (EMCs) based in Wadesboro, Enfield and Lenoir are among the nine top officers who'll lead North Carolina's statewide organization of EMCs during the coming year.

Managers of six other electric co-ops were also elected to top offices in the organization.

The directors, who serve in the statewide offices as volunteers, are Richard H. Johnson of Rt. 4, Wadesboro, representing Pee Dee EMC, Wadesboro; Morrell Jones Jr. of Rt. 1, Enfield, representing Halifax EMC, Enfield and Martha McKnight of Sparta, representing Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir.

Johnson and Jones will both serve as officers of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC). Johnson was elected president and Jones, secretary-treasurer.

Serving with them at the NCAEC helm is J. Ronald McElheney, manager of Jones-Onslow EMC, Jacksonville, who was elected vice president.

Mrs. McKnight will serve as secretary-treasurer of the board that oversees NCAEC's sister organization, Tarheel Electric Membership Association (TEMA). She was elected to the post after being selected to fill a one-year vacancy on that board. She is the first woman to be elected to the body.

Also serving as TEMA officers are H. Eugene Clayborne, manager of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City, president and Gary A. Whitener, manager of Rutherford EMC, Forest City, vice president.

Three co-op managers were elected to serve new terms as officers of the organization's North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC).

They are Eugene W. Brown Jr., manager of Roanoke EMC, Rich Square, president; J. Kelly Hutchens, manager of Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson, vice president and Bob L. McDuffie, manager of Randolph EMC, Asheboro, secretary-treasurer.

Three EMC managers were also elected to the TEMA board. John W. Browning, manager of



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Haywood EMC, Waynesville; Ronnie E. Hunt, manager of Lumbee R EMC, Red Springs and Dorris B. White, manager of Albemarle EMC, Hertford.

Meanwhile, Randolph EMC's Bob McDuffie also won re-election as the North Carolina representative on the board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. He has served on that board since 1986. The Washington-based association represents about 1,000 electric co-ops across the country.

In addition, R. B. Sloan Jr., executive vice president of Crescent Electric, Statesville, was elected chairman of the North Carolina rural electric program's political action committee, the Rural Electric Action Program (REAP).

Sloan also serves as chairman of the board of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, a state agency that monitors co-op operations.

Also elected to top offices in REAP were Mildred Holland, manager of the Lincoln-Gaston District Office of Rutherford EMC, vice chairman and James Lee Burney, manager of government relations for the statewide EMC organization, secretary-treasurer.



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Three Co-op Pioneers Honored For 50 Years Of Service

Leaders of the North Carolina rural electric program have paid special tribute to three Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) directors, recognizing each of them for 50 years of service to the cooperative movement.

They are Kesler C. Butler of Rt. 7, Fayetteville, a director of South River EMC, Dunn; Joe Pendry of Rt. 1, Boonville, a director of Surry-Yadkin EMC, Dobson and R.L. Seaford of Rt. 3, Statesville, a director of Crescent EMC, Statesville.

Each honoree marked a half-century of service to his EMC during the past year. All three were founding directors for their cooperatives. They are the first electric co-op directors ever to be saluted by the program's statewide organization for reaching that milestone.

Butler and Pendry were both young men who helped to recruit people to the part of rural electrification. Their cooperatives were both organized in 1940.

Seaford was a founding director of Davie EMC in 1941, and served on the co-op's board until it merged with Cornelius EMC in 1970 to form Crescent EMC.

The three directors each received special commemorative clocks during ceremonies honoring service award recipients.

A total of 42 other individuals were awarded "meritorious service" plaques honoring them for their years of service on the boards of EMCs.

They are listed below, by EMCs:

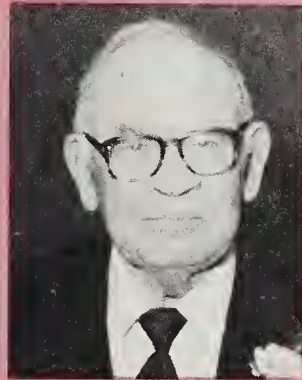
Albemarle, Hertford—L. A. Harris Jr. of Elizabeth City, for 15 years.

Blue Ridge, Lenoir—Thomas Cockerham and Charles C. Edwards of Rt. 1, Jefferson, both for 25 years.

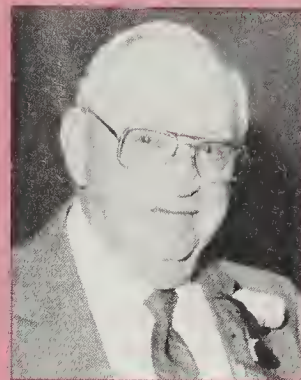
Cape Hatteras, Buxton—Asa H. Gray Jr. of Buxton, 20 years.

Carteret-Craven, Morehead City—David L. Star Route, Maysville, a retired director, 25 years; John D. Young of Stella, 20 years; M. Chadwick of Rt. 2, Beaufort, 30 years; W. Jones of Rt. 1, Newport, 40 years.

Crescent, Statesville—Henry C. Gabriel of Mills Ford, 25 years and Shirley Johnson of Statesville, 35 years.



Butler
South River EMC



Pendry
Surry-Yadkin EMC



Seaford
Crescent EMC

Davidson, Lexington—L. Wade Myers of Rt. 3, Thomasville, 15 years; N. Mack Shoaf of Rt. 16, Winston-Salem, 15 years; W. Max Walser of Rt. 14, Lexington, 15 years and Jack J. Myers of Lexington, a former director, 20 years.

Edgecombe-Martin County, Tarboro—W. Kitchin Benson of Battleboro, 30 years.

Four County, Burgaw—Lucille Eakins of Rt. 1, Watha, 15 years; Iva W. Brinson of Rt. 1, Magnolia, 20 years; James Hollingsworth of Rt. 1, Willard, 20 years and W. A. Settlemeyer of Rt. 1, Riegelwood, 20 years.

French Broad, Marshall—Joseph G. Justice of Hot Springs, 15 years.

Halifax, Enfield—Raymond Sykes of Rt. 2, Whitakers, 15 years.

Jones-Onslow, Jacksonville—Marvin H. Manning of Rt. 3, Richlands, 20 years and Archie Horne of Rt. 2, Beulaville, 25 years.

Pee Dee, Wadesboro—Millard E. Russell of Rt. 2, Wadesboro, 15 years.

Randolph, Asheboro—T. Harold Terry of Rt. 1, Siler City, 35 years.

Roanoke, Rich Square—Elton L. Trotman of Rt. 1, Hobbsville, 20 years.

Rutherford, Forest City—William L. Plonk of Rt. 3, Kings Mountain, 25 years and Fred D. Mintz Sr. of Rt. 1, Lawndale, 45 years.

South River, Dunn—Charles Collier, of Rt. 1, Linden, 25 years.

Surry-Yadkin, Dobson—Robert Paul Marion of Rt. 2, Pinnacle, 15 years; Grady V. Nichols of Mount Airy, 15 years; the late Paul Cornelius of Rt. 2, East Bend, 20 years and Ralph W. Beane of Rt. 1, State Road, 40 years.

Tideland, Pantego—Carroll Austin of Rt. 2, Aurora, 15 years and W. B. Smithwick of Rt. 1, Blounts Creek, 20 years.

Tri-County, Dudley—Howard A. Hardy of Rt. 4, Kinston, 15 years.

Union, Monroe—Ralph E. Johnson of Charlotte, 15 years; Rufus N. Reid of Concord, 15 years and the late J. Grant Duncan Jr., of Rt. 1, Indian Trail, 20 years.

Wake, Wake Forest—Robert Joe Eddins of Rt. 3, Zebulon, 15 years; Roy Ed Jones, Jr. of Rt. 3, Wake Forest, 15 years and Roger L. Moss of Rt. 1, Kittrell, 15 years.



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Three Youth Tourists Awarded Scholarship

High school seniors from Iredell, Harnett and Watauga Counties have been awarded scholarships as a result of their participation in the 1990 Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington.

The scholarships are awarded by the North Carolina statewide organization of electric co-ops and its Women's Advisory Committee.

The women's organization presented its 1991 Gwyn B. Price Youth Tour Scholarship to Stephen Webb, a senior at North Iredell High School, who represented Crescent Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Statesville, on last summer's tour. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Webb of Rt. 18, Statesville.



The \$1,000 scholarship bears the name of an Ashe County man who helped spearhead the development of the electric co-op program in North Carolina.

The women's organization presented the \$500 Katie Bunch Memorial Scholarship to Brandi Reynolds, daughter of Nancy and Dan Reynolds of Dunn. The Midway High School senior represented South River EMC, Dunn, on the tour.



The award is named in honor of the late Katie Bunch, a charter member of the Pee Dee EMC Women's Committee, Wadesboro. She was active in co-op programs for nearly 20 years and held local and statewide women's committee offices.

Both scholarships are awarded annually to students selected from among the participants in the previous year's tour, based on scholastic achievement, financial need and extra-curricular activities in the school and community.



The statewide EMC organization awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Josh Stanbery, who represented Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, on the tour.

He's the son of Josh and Ollie Stanbery of Boone.

Stanbery received the scholarship in recognition of his work as North Carolina's representative on a national cooperative youth board.

Last summer, he was selected from among the tour participants for a seat on the Youth Consulting Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

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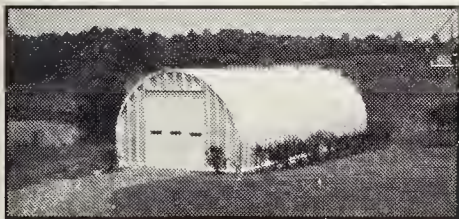
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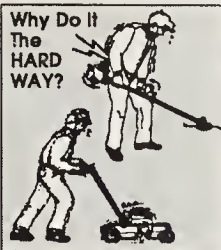
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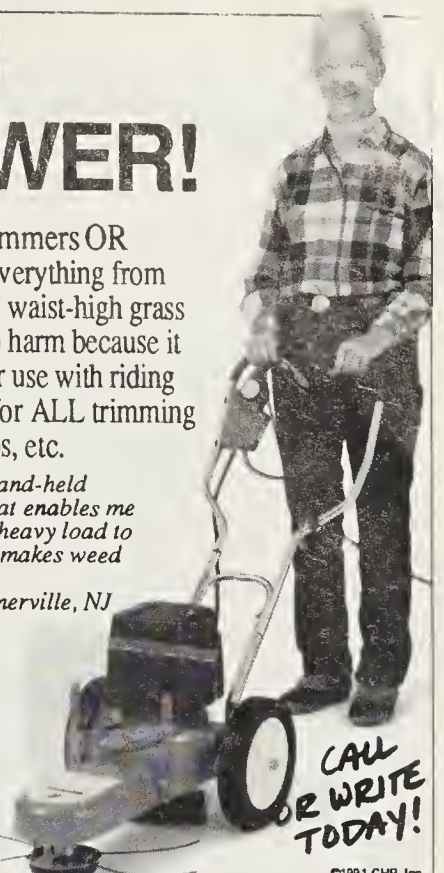
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Sixth District Rep. Howard Coble of Greensboro, left, chats with George Nifong of Winston-Salem, center, and Wayne Wilkins, manager of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Lexington, after addressing a special meeting of Davidson EMC consumer-members who have served on the co-op's member advisory committees. Nifong is a former member of such a committee.

Rep. Coble: Co-ops Should Expand Rural Development Efforts

Sixth District Rep. Howard Coble says he believes the nation's rural electric program has a "solid" future, especially if the cooperatives are able to broaden their role in rural economic development.

In addressing consumer-members of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation (EMC), Lexington, he said he supported expanding the co-ops' rural development role by voting for the 1990 Farm Bill, which included \$40 million the co-ops can use to establish new water and sewer systems in rural areas.

The congressman was guest of honor at the EMC-sponsored dinner meeting in Greensboro. A total of 67 co-op members attended the session.

Rep. Coble, who had spent the day visiting Davidson County schools, said he senses a new "tone and tenor" in the schools that differs sharply with that of a decade ago.

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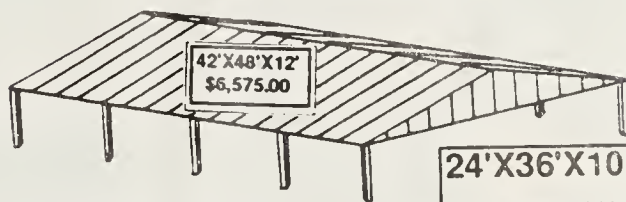
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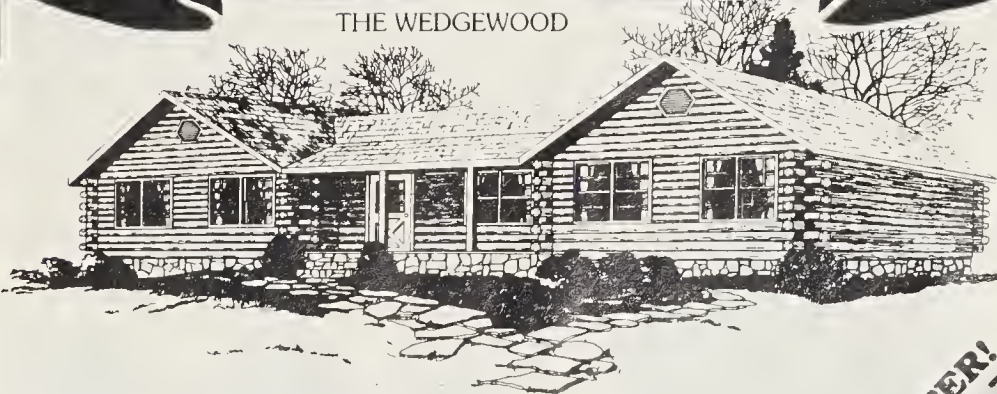
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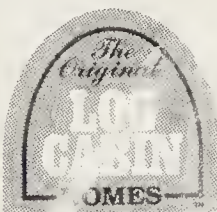
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Sam Rand, manager of the N. C. State Fair; Charles Gregory, owner of Gregory Manufacturing Company in Bertie County, and the late A. J. Worley, a farmer from Farm Bluff, were cited by Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham.

Rand, who was named NCDA Employee of the Year, has been manager of the N. C. State Fair since 1983. He has worked for the NCDA for more than 30 years.

Gregory was cited as a Friend of Agriculture. His farm equipment company employs 200 people in Bertie County, with an annual payroll of \$2.8 million.

Worley, who died in February, was cited with a Special Award for his lifetime work in agriculture.

Worley was a life-long farmer who served on numerous state and local agriculture-related boards.

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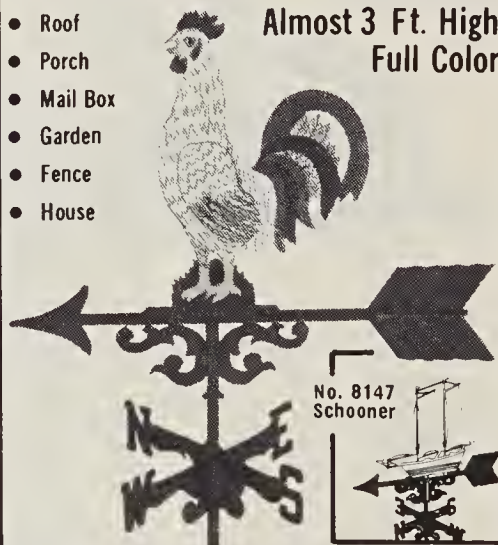
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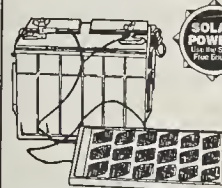
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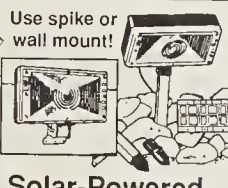
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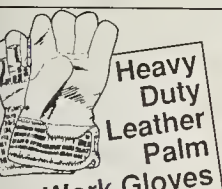
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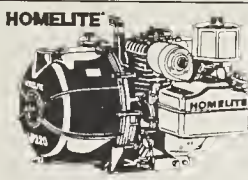
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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

By Hank S...

Now's the time we see the spring-to-summer transition in the garden. Early bulbs and shrubs have bloomed; later varieties are coming into flower.

Take advantage of the few cool days to complete plantings of summer annuals, bulbs and vegetables. In just a few weeks the wood of shrubs will be right for semi-hardwood cutting.



Bagworms

Keep a watch out for bagworms on your junipers, arborvitae, and other narrow-leaved evergreens. Caterpillars are now emerging from their over-wintering bags, and are crawling about feeding on foliage. In the process, they spin a silken bag about themselves for protection. They carry this bag with them wherever they go, attaching bits of leaves and twigs to the outside of the bag as they feed.

If the plant is small and has been attacked

by only a few bagworms, pull them off and destroy. If there's a heavy infestation, control with malathion or Sevin.

Pinch For Flowers

No true gardener goes around pinching plants just for the fun of it; but do pinch mums, salvia (red sage), cockscomb (celosia), zinnias, petunias, snapdragons and marigolds to slow down top growth. This encourages side branching and the production of more blooms.

Plants pinched back will be less likely to blow over or break during high winds. With mums, the pinching should continue until mid-July. By then, growth should be compact and sturdy with flower buds forming. Usually, one pinching is enough for annuals. Some newer types of annual flowers are base-branching and do not need to be pinched.

Vegetables

Now that the soil has warmed up, sow seeds of field peas, okra, bush and pole beans, squash and pumpkins if space is



available. If tomatoes, peppers and eggplants have not yet been transplanted, do this job now.

One of the biggest problems in vegetable gardening is from overcrowding: (1) people often plant more than they can eat; (2) vegetable plants are too close together to grow well and too close to tend.

Give your garden plenty of room to flourish. Take care that tall-growing vegetables such as okra and tomatoes will not shade the lower-growing vegetables.

Gardening Tips

1. Remove faded flower blooms to prevent plants from declining.
2. Replenish mulch around shrubs and flowers to "dress up" plant beds while also conserving moisture and helping to control weeds.
3. Plant tubers such as dahlias, calladiums, calla lilies and cannas. The later

they're planted, the less time you'll have to enjoy them.

4. Harvest lightly in the first year of asparagus.

5. Work a handful of lime into the soil when planting a tomato to prevent blossom-end rot.

6. Keep newly set plants well watered.

7. Spray rose bushes every seven to ten days to control black spot and powdery mildew.

8. Encourage full clusters of flowers on crepe myrtles this summer. Apply a complete fertilizer at the rate of one cup per established plant; less if they're small.

9. Just as with watering, frequent light watering is seldom beneficial in the vegetable garden. And it can be harmful.

10. When vegetable plants are small one inch of water a week is enough. When plants are large they may need as much as two inches a week.

11. A good way to decide on plants for the landscape is to visit nearby public gardens or old established gardens. You will see specimen that are adapted to your area and can get an idea of eventual size. sun/shade requirements.

Camellia Pest

Camellias sometimes are attacked by Florida wax scale, which is about the size of a nasturtium seed. When mashed, the scale exudes a blood-red substance.

Difficult to kill, the scale is best controlled with summer oil plus malathion applied in the spring when the tiny young are hatching. Or, you could use an oil spray with malathion added.

Spray plants at monthly intervals, beginning now and continuing through July. This kills the young before they grow the tough turtle-shell coating. Other scales hatching during the same period also will be killed.

The summer oil-malathion mixture is sold under various trade names. Follow directions on the container.

When spraying plants during the summer, never apply when the temperature is over 85 degrees F.



HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Plant Summer Annuals Among Maturing Spring Bulbs

After daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses and late tulips have finished their spring display, what then?

The problem is that bulb foliage must be left intact—even encouraged to grow as long as possible—to nourish the bulbs for next year's blooms.

This may take weeks, with the plants looking unkept as bulb foliage slowly yellows and withers away. One quick solution is to interplant among the lingering bulb foliage—using discretion to choose only shallow-rooted annuals to avoid harming the bulbs. Another solution is to lift the bulbs with their foliage intact and replant elsewhere, either temporarily or permanently.

If you decide to interplant and leave the bulbs in place, select young transplants of such annuals as dwarf marigolds, petunias, Alyssum, verbenas, ageratum or portulaca. These are available at garden centers. Plant them carefully among the bulbs. Both bulbs and transplants will benefit from such interplanting. The bulb foliage will protect the transplants from harsh weather during their tender stages of growth. As the annuals grow they will shade the soil on hot days to keep it cool for the bulbs by acting as a sort of living mulch.

Required: Bamboo, Frequent Pruning, Or A Thumb

Houseplants add to the indoor environment, yet sometimes grow "a strain" because of indoor conditions.

One choice plants to grow inside are: the "Peace lily" (Spathiphyllum). This plant with long leaves produces a bloom similar to a white lily.



- The Chinese evergreen thrives in low light; in fact, the plant is sun-shy. Chinese evergreen (Algaonema) produces white leaf-like

structures that enclose red, yellow or orange berries.

- Snake Plant (Sansevieria) is almost impossible to kill. A succulent like cactus, it tolerates low light and can go for weeks without water or fertilizer.

- Prayer plant (Maranta), Bird's-nest fern and philodendron are others that tolerate shade.

- Dracaena (corn plant) is a good choice for a tall "tree" in a dark corner.



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Spacious New Farmers Market Opens May 22

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The old Hodges Street market could be tucked neatly into a corner of the new facility's spacious location on the southern edge of Raleigh.

Its 75-acre site off Lake Wheeler Road, near Interstate 40 at Exit 297, features 210,000 square feet of sheltered market space and more than 1,000 parking spaces.

That means the new market will be capable of conveniently handling the hordes of shoppers and wholesale produce dealers that had often thronged together at the old facility, according to officials of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture (NCDA), which operates the market.

The new \$75 million market features:

- Three wholesale buildings.
- A retail building.
- Two farmers' buildings for sale of home-grown produce.
- A truckers building.
- A garden center, which opened for business in April.
- A restaurant, which will be operated by the same restaurateur who had made a "home cooking" cafe a popular fixture at the Hodges Street market.



The garden center at the new Raleigh Farmers Market opened in April. The rest of the market will formally open May 22.



Most of the open spaces in the new market's retail building have already been leased, according to officials of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. The market also includes three wholesale buildings, a truckers building, two produce buildings, a restaurant and a garden center.

North Carolina Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham said very little space in the Retail Building is already heavily booked.

"Most of the 46 spaces have already been leased," he said.

The structure features a mall-style corridor where customers can buy fresh vegetables, pickles, preserves, baked goods and a variety of other food items.

The Truckers Building, which offers drive-through service, will be the setting for daily transactions by wholesale produce dealers who sell to independent retailers, restaurants and consumers.

The Wholesale Buildings will handle shipping and receiving of produce that flows through the market all year round. It comes in from all over the country and from other nations, and shipments go out to all over the globe.

Charles D. Edwards, veteran manager of the Hodges Street Farmers Market, serves in the same capacity at the new market.

New Raleigh Facility: Is Just One Of Three State Farmers Markets

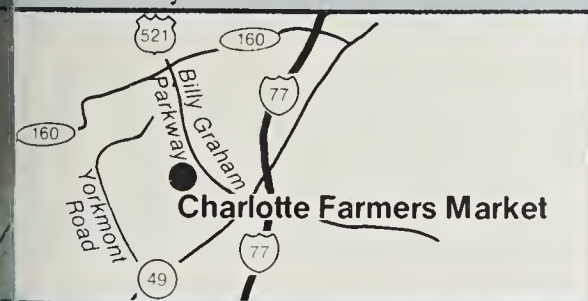
The Raleigh Farmers Market is taking the center stage spotlight this spring as it moves to new quarters after operating at its original location since 1955.

However, it is just one of the three such markets across the state that are operated by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture (N.C. DA).

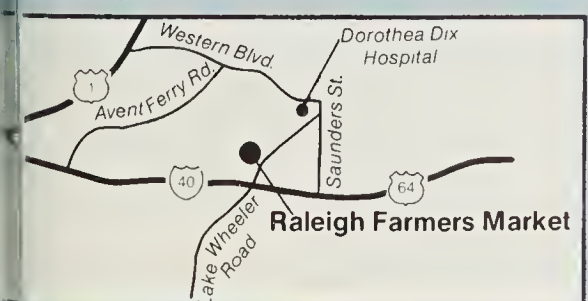


The agency opened a market to serve the Asheville area in 1977. It is situated on a site at the intersection of Interstate 40 and Highway 191.

N.C. DA's Charlotte market, which opened in 1984, is located on Yorkmont Road off Billy Graham Parkway.



The Raleigh market is open Monday through Friday from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. while the Charlotte City market is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Asheville's market is open daily from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m. Prior to 1984, the facilities are open only for wholesale business.



Barbecue Cook-off Slated In Raleigh

Barbecue fanciers from all parts of North Carolina may differ on who cooks the best barbecue (that's pork barbecue, folks) yet they can all agree that some of the best to be found anywhere will be at the N. C. State Fairgrounds in Raleigh May 18 for the 7th Annual Carolina Barbecue Championship Cook-off.

The event begins at 10 a.m.

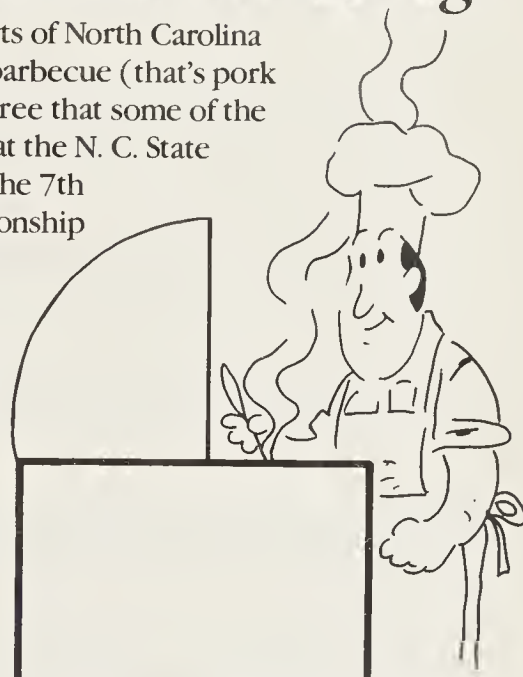
The North Carolina Pork Producers Association and more than a dozen co-sponsors will present \$2,000 in cash awards and other prizes. Folks turning out for the cook-off will be able to buy heaping platters of championship barbecue.

In addition, a new "Kiss-A-Pig" competition will be held to benefit Wake Teen Medical Services, a program affiliated with the UNC School of Medicine.

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*FDR Rated "Worst"***Arthur, Taft Nominated For Greatest Presidents List**

Several readers have already written to comment on the March column about the greatest American Presidents, and I'm eager to begin sharing those remarks—so let's get right to it:

Jane Rooth of Rt. 2, Youngsville, responded to the column's references to Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is now in second place in American historians' rankings of greatest Presidents. The rankings had been mentioned in a *Life* magazine article by Dr. William Leuchtenburg, a professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ms. Rooth, who said she'd never written to an editor before, was inspired to write because our column "was so false."

Edward Tunstall of Rt. 1, Warrenton, offered two nominations for top rankings among U. S. chief executives: William Howard Taft, who is considered "average" by the historians and Chester A. Arthur, who didn't even score on the "average" list.

Both of these letters are reproduced here in full.

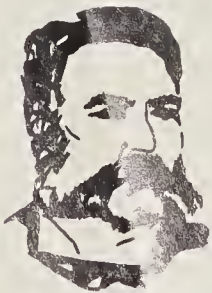
In addition, we received a note about other matters from Beaufort free-lance writer and poet Carol Bessent Hayman, who added a brief comment about George Washington's drop in the ratings from second to third.

"Very Surprised" To See FDR Listed As A Great President

Jane Rooth, Rt. 2, Youngsville: In the March issue of *Carolina Country* ("Grits"), I was very surprised to see FDR listed as a great president. I think he was one of the worst this country ever had—I lived through his sad handling of affairs of our country, and it was proved that he was senile for a good part of the decisions (like Yalta), where he gave our country away. I think you and Dr. Leuchtenburg had better do more research and you will see that the New Deal was a Bad Deal. I have never written a letter to the editor before, but this article was so false I just had to respond.

Rarely Remembered Presidents "Deserve Great Credit"

Edward Tunstall, Rt. 1, Warrenton: I found your article on "All-Time Great Presidents" interesting. Most Americans, including college professors, like Presidents who led the U. S. to victory in war. Many of our Presidents were elected on the basis of military action through personal achievement or that of the nation. We often overlook Presidents who didn't appeal to this patriotism yet helped the nation.



Chester A. Arthur

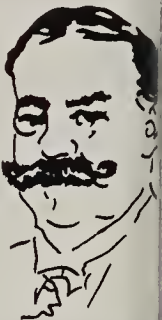
My all-time favorite President is Chester A. Arthur. As a henchman in the New York Republican party machine, he was chosen Vice President by conservative old line party bosses to balance the liberal tendencies of President James Garfield.

After Garfield's assassination, Arthur confounded contemporary expectations by reversing his past political creed and wholeheartedly

supporting Civil Service reform by pushing the Pendleton Act through Congress. This action which was the beginning of the end for the spoils system, cost him renomination for President. He sacrificed his political life to clean up the government.

Second on my "All Time Great President" list is William Howard Taft. Although judged average by many historians, his main problems were PR and TR. Although casting a large personal shadow, Taft had to follow in the political shadow of the popular and personable Theodore Roosevelt.

Taft was a progressive who pushed conservation of natural resources. He favored free trade to help American businesses, but he was also responsible for breaking up many of the harmful business monopolies. He was a strong consumer advocate and worked to lower the cost of living for the average American family. He lost his bid for re-election due to Teddy Roosevelt's entry in the Presidential race. This split the Republican party, allowing Democrat Woodrow Wilson capture the White House.



William Howard Taft

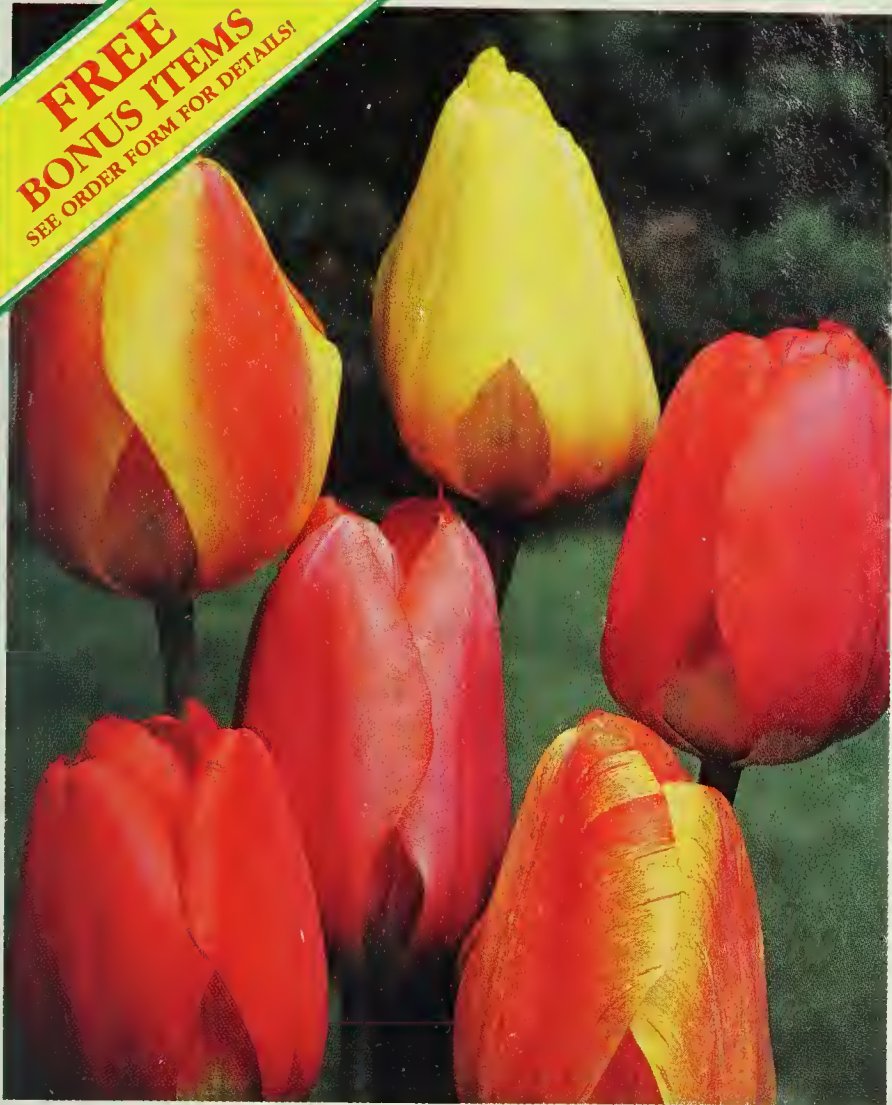
After leaving the Presidency, Taft served as Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court.

Although these men are rarely remembered, they deserve great credit for overcoming political hardships and steering the country in a better direction.

Speaking Up For "Old George"

Carol Bessent Hayman, Beaufort: No matter how much George Washington's slip from first place to even second, I would like to play Devil's Advocate and say that being the *first* of anything is like plowing unfurrowed ground. Many things done during a first term may not be suitable for future terms, however, stabilizing and maintaining a position with honor for passing along the future is very important. Just thought I'd speak up for Old George.

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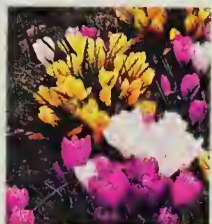
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